

**To:** Fagen, Elizabeth[Fagen.Elisabeth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wharton, Steve  
**Sent:** Mon 8/3/2015 6:14:04 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Upper Animas Budget Line Item on the Pipeline Budget Spreadsheet

Liz – I understand your concerns. I wanted to give Mandi/Russ some indication that we're sorting-out what we want to do, given the financial deadlines they have to manage. At the same time, I realize that we need to talk further regarding which particular mechanisms/tools we want to use.

Steve

**From:** Fagen, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 11:47 AM  
**To:** Wharton, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Upper Animas Budget Line Item on the Pipeline Budget Spreadsheet

Hi Steve,

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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**From:** Wharton, Steve

**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:50 AM

**To:** Rodriguez, Mandi

**Cc:** Fagen, Elizabeth; Powell, Jodi; Leclerc, Russell; Coursen, Robin; Schmittdiel, Paula

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Mandi – There is a new pipeline request that has arisen for Standard Mine (\$164K for RD) that I need to cover. In our budget meeting on Wednesday, I plan to suggest that we reduce the Upper Animas funding by \$164K and reallocate those funds to Standard Mine. The remainder of the Upper Animas TA funds (\$337,118) would go into contracts.

We are still sorting out whether to place the funds into one or more IAs or into RAC, but we should have an answer by the end of this week.

Thanks,  
Steve

**From:** Rodriguez, Mandi  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:25 AM  
**To:** Schmittdiel, Paula  
**Cc:** Fagen, Elizabeth; Wharton, Steve; Powell, Jodi  
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**All there is \$501,118 as a line item on the pipeline budget spreadsheet for Upper Animas. I need to know if these funds are going in a contract or grant? The paperwork needs to be submitted ASAP the deadline as last Friday. If you do not need the funds let me know that as well.**

## **Thanks**

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"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them" Albert Einstein